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1. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY TO PROPOSAL CONTAINED
REFTEL A.

2. SINCE ING. MATEJKA HAS ORGANIZED GROUP OF OVER 20
CZECHOSLOVAK CONTRUCTION SPECIALISTS AND OFFICIAS TO ATTEND
CONEXPO EXHIBITION(FEBRUARY 9-14,1975) IN CHICAGO,
INCLUDING SLOVAK DEPUTY MINISTER OF CONTRUCTION, INT. JULIUS
KINKA, IT WOULD SEEM IN OUR LONG-RUN COMMERCIAL INTERESTS
TO BE FORTHCOMING WITH HIM ON HIS OFFER TO PROVIDE SPACE FOR
U.S. INFORMATION BOOTH AT SYMPOMECH '75. (AS NOTED
PRAGUE 154, FULL LIST OF CZECHOSLOVAK OFFICIALS ATTENDING
CONEXPO BEING POUCHED WITH LETTER GIVING FURTHER DETAILS
OF VISIT TO VAN DER BURGH, BEWT/TDAD.)

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3. UNDERLINING CONTINUING NEED TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS

PLAGUING CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, ESPECIALLY IN FINISHING PHASE OF RESIDENTIAL AND OFFICE BUILDINGS, CZECH MINISTER OF CONSTRUCTION, JAROSLAV SRAMEK, WAS INTERVIEWED ON FRONT PAGE OF RUDE PRAVO, JANUARY 27. AMONG OTHER THINGS, SRAMEK SAID THAT PLANNED TARGETS FOR HOUSING CONSTRUCTION WILL NOT SUCCEED UNLESS WAYS ARE FOUND TO REDUCE AMOUNT OF FINISHING WORK DONE ON-SITE BY INCREASED MECHANIZATION AND/OR PREPARATION OF VARIOUS FINISHING STAGES IN CENTRALIZED WORKSHOPS OFF-SITE. USING PRAGUE AS EXAMPLE, SRAMEK NOTES THAT 1975 PLAN FOR RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION IN LYE CITY IS ALMOST DOUBLE NEW CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED IN 1971, THUS NECESSITATING ALL-OUT EFFORT ON PART OF WORKERS AND PLANNERS TO OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES WHICH HAVE IMPEDED COMPLETION OF PROJECTS UNTIL NOW.

4. IT IS CLEAR FROM ALL OF THIS THAT CZECH AND SLOVAK PLANNERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN RIGID MARCHING ORDERS TO FIND SOLUTION TO PROBLEM OF LAGGING CONSTRUCTION. GIVEN CONTINUING AND SUSTAINED INTEREST IN ING. MATEJKA, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF CZECH ADVISORY BOARD FOR MECHANIZATION AND AUTMATION OF CONSTRUCTION, IN U.S. CONSTRUCTION METHODS AND EQUIPMENT, SIGNIFICANT COMMERCIAL POSSIBILITIES FOR U.S. FIRMS IN THIS FIELD MAY STILL EXIST, DESPITE RECENT ADVERSE EVENTS CONNECTED WITH PASSAGE OF TRADE ACT OF 1974.
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